



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Pickens School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 16,658**
Superintendent: Lee D'Andrea, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Dr. B. J. Skelton

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	6	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	81.4%	81.3%	75.0%	77.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.7%	79.0%	71.0%	74.6%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	44.1%	40.0%	43.9%	43.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	41.2%	37.9%	39.6%	37.8%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	85.7%	7.8%	6.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	84.8%	8.8%	7.1%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	91.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	70.9%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	67.5%

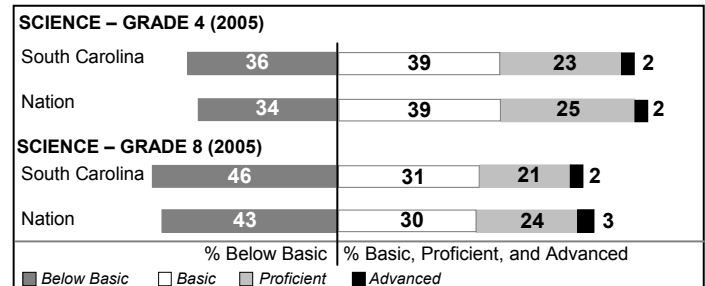
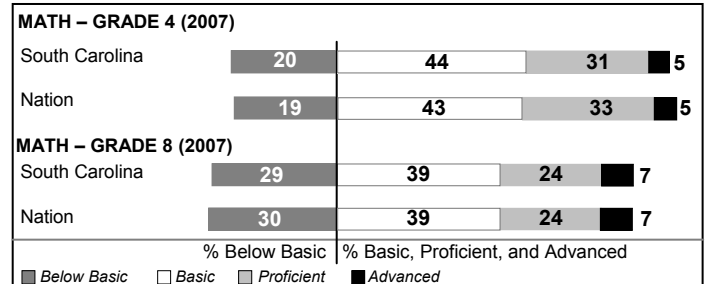
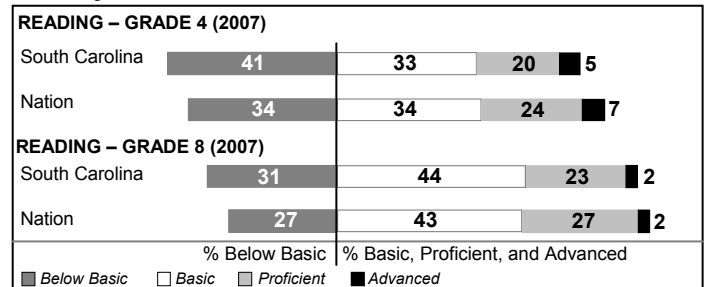
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	66.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.1%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=16,658)				
Retention rate	3.7%	Up from 3.6%	3.5%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.7%	96.2%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.3%	Up from 19.2%	17.4%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.5%	No Change	10.4%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.5%	0.5%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	17.5%	Down from 19.6%	19.1%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.1%	N/A	52.8%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.1%	Up from 28.4%	41.6%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	91	Down from 99	56	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	80	Down from 97	53	27
Annual dropout rate	6.2%	Up from 5.6%	4.4%	3.8%
Teachers (n=1111)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Down from 59.3%	58.3%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Down from 85.3%	79.5%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	Up from 1.5%	2.2%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.6%	Up from 92.5%	91.1%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	94.9%	Down from 95.4%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,379	Up 2.1%	\$46,358	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.4%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.6 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	21.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Down from 89.7%	90.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,573	Up 6.9%	\$8,057	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.5%	Down from 55.8%	53.9%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	59.5%	Up from 59.4%	58.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	25	No Change	12	9
Portable classrooms	14.5%	Up from 9.3%	2.6%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	32 Years	No Change	18 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	25.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$73,554	Up 2.3%	\$77,085	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	78.8%		79.9%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In 2007-2008, the School District of Pickens County introduced a new vision of "building success beyond the classroom," for each child through quality educational experiences.

Interactive Promethean boards and multimedia stations were installed in all classrooms this year. Each certified employee received a laptop, and twenty new technology resources teachers began coaching their peers to integrate technology resources and new software. Teachers learned to use streaming video and Internet sites to enhance student learning. After new district and school Web sites were launched, teachers began creating individual pages to communicate with students, parents, and the public. We introduced ParentLink, an electronic notification system for providing both general and emergency information to parents.

The district finalized property purchases to build four new high schools, a new elementary school in Liberty, and a state-of-the-art technology center. The board also approved construction of a new Dacusville Elementary School adjacent to Dacusville Middle. Students and staff will occupy the first of our new facilities in 2010. We will occupy all remaining new or renovated schools by September of 2011.

We have also moved forward with the Education Economic Development Act, implementing Personal Pathways to Success and developing our schools of study. All students participated in career awareness education and exploration of their career paths.

The entire district began preparing for SACS accreditation as the on-site visit was scheduled for November 2008. Another highlight of the year was the district's first recruitment fair to ensure that the district attracts the best teacher candidates.

Providing quality educational opportunities, state-of-the-art technology, and quality buildings will continue to be our top priority as we pursue our vision for a school district where each child has the opportunity to succeed beyond the classroom.

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